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ENERGIZATION OF PUMPSETS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Government have formulated any programme of energization of irrigation pumpsets in rural areas of various States during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) : if so, the targets set and the achievements made in this regard alongwith the financial assistance provided for the purpose during the above period year-wise and state-wise;

(c) : whether despite encouraging results under the scheme, the provision of funds under the scheme over the period remained almost static; and

(d) : if so, the reasons therefor and provision of funds likely to be made available to states for energization of pumps during 2000-2001 and Ninth Plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Details of physical targets and achievements of pumpsets during the Eighth Plan period and funds released by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) under various schemes including pumpset energisation are given at Annexure I & II.

(c) & (d) : Pumpset Energisation Programme is determined and decided by the State Electricity Boards keeping in view the availability of financial resources. Rural Electrification Corporation gives loan assistance to the schemes sponsored by the State Electricity Boards provided they are technically feasible and financially viable. State Electricity Boards programme for energisation of pumpsets during the year 2000-01 or for the Ninth Plan as a whole has not been received so far. However, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has set a target of energisation of 7,40,000 pumpsets during the first three years of the Ninth Plan period. Out of the target set, REC has already achieved energisation of 6,49,000 pumpsets at the end of December, 1999.